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ON THE

Reſolution of the Houſe to ſettle a Trade from *Great Britain* to the *South-Sea* of *America.*

SIR,

THE Unanimous Reſolution of your Honourable Houſe in the agreeing to the Right Honou-

nourable Mr. *Harley*'s Propoſal, of providing effectually for the payment of the Publick Debts of the Nation, and of Eſtabliſhing a Trade to the South-Sea of *America*, hath fill'd the Hearts of all good Subjects with Joy; And I in particular cannot avoid to give you my grateful acknowledgments for the ſame, and alſo my Thoughts of the happy effects that muſt neceſſarily attend what hath been thus Reſolv'd.

The Proviſion made for the Payment of the National Debts cannot but produce a laſting Credit; And an Eſtabliſhment of a South-Sea Trade, muſt tend exceedingly to the good of all Degrees and Ranks of Men amongſt us: The Poor will be more employ'd in Manufactures, the Product of the Eſtates of our landed Men will become more valuable

luable, and the Trading part of the Nation will be greatly encourag'd: And thus all will have Inducements chearfully to contribute to the ſupport of the Publick Charge.

I have been for along time of Opinion, that a Trade to the South-Sea of *America* would be of the greateſt Importance to us: And I preſume herewith to ſend you ſome Reaſons that I committed to writing for it's Incouragement. And thereunto annext, is a Liſt of the ſeveral Commodities that will be ſhip'd from hence in the Commerce now deſign'd, and which will be in very great Quantities, the Country of *Perou* and *Mexico* being of a vaſt extent.

The Returns from thoſe Countries are only Gold and Silver, and the Richeſt Dye-Stuffs.

No

No Trade ſo effectually anſwereth the great End of Trade as this doth; the Nation will be enrich'd thereby, to the laſting Honour of this Houſe of Commons, who hath ſo prudently reſolv'd to ſettle and eſtabliſh the ſame;

I am,

The 3*d* of *May*, 1711.

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant.

READ

REASONS

To encourage

A TRADE

FROM

Great-Britain,

TO THE

Countreys ſituate in the *South-Seas* of *America.*

TRADE is become abſolutely neceſſary to all the People of *Europe*, for the Support of their preſent eſtabliſh'd Way of Living, and more eſpetially for their Defence againſt the ambitious Encroachments of one Neigh-

bouring Kingdom or State againſt another, for War in the late Ages of the World, both offenſive and defenſive, hath been, and is carried on by Force of Gold and Silver, and whatever be the Virtue of a Nation, if Treaſure be wanting, it is in Danger of being overrun by its Neighbours.

It is a Maxim agreed to by all Men, that *that* Trade is cheifly, if not only beneficial, that exports the Superfluity of the Growth and Manafactures of a Nation, and brings back in Returns, a real Treaſure, ſuch as Gold and Silver, and other Commodities not to be conſumed in Luxury at Home, but to be imploy'd in Trade, and ſo exported again, as, Indigo, Cochineal, Dying Woods of all Kinds, *&c.*

Gold and Silver are not found in *Europe* in any Quantity, but are only procurable by a Forreign Trade.

And *South America* is indeed the only inexhauſtible Fountain of thoſe Treaſures, and from its firſt Diſcovery and Poſſeſſion by the *Spaniards*, immenſe Sums have been from Time to Time,

brought

brought from thence, in Returns of the Goods of *Europe*; but the *Spaniard* from their Sloth full Temper, and from their innate Pride, or from an inaptneſs to Manufactures, have not had the Advantages that they might have had, by the Poſſeſſion of thoſe Treaſures, but have taken from all the other Nations of *Europe*, thoſe Goods, in Return of which the Treaſures have been brought home; ſo that they have had little more then the Benefit of being Carriers, and Factors for other Nations.

But *France*, ſince the Death of *Charles* the ſecond of *Spain*, and the intruding the Duke of *Anjou* on that Throne, hath, under Pretence of ſupplying the Neceſſities of the *Spaniſh Americans*, during the Interruption of the *Spaniſh* Galions in this preſent War, engroſs'd that Trade to its ſelf, and from the Abundance of its Native Commodities, and the Diſpoſition of its People to Manufactures of all Kinds, aſſumes to it ſelf the whole Treaſure of *America*, the fatal Conſequences of which, are obvious to every thinking Man. The *French* perform thoſe Voyages In Ships of 500 Tons 40 Guns, with Cargoes of one Hundred Thou-

Thouſand Pounds a Piece in Eighteen Months.

It ſeems high Time for *Great Britain*, for its Safety and its Intereſt, to vie with *France* in this Matter, before it be too late.

Great Britain is more capable of undertaking this Trade than any other Nation whatſoever, from its abounding with all the Commodities proper for this trade either Native and manufactur'd here, or acquir'd from abroad.

And it is the Intereſt of *Spain* it ſelf, that *Great Britain* be admitted into this Trade, excluſive of *France*, untill the Trade may be ſettled again, in its ancient Channel from old *Spain*: for *Great Britain* gives no Jealouſie of deſigning a Univerſal Monarchy, as doth *France*; but contents it ſelf with the Honour of giving a juſt and equal Ballance to the Powers of *Europe*.

It appears by what hath been premiſed that no Trade can be ſo neceſſary and ſo beneficial at this Time to *Great Britain* as this. It is ſo extenſive, that every Man amongſt

amongſt us may ſome Way or other reap a Benefit by it, for there is hardly any thing manufactur'd in *Great Britain*, but is valuable in *South America*.

Another Encouragement to this Undertaking, is the Healthfulneſs of the Climate, which in this exceeds the *North* Side of the *Spaniſh America*, to the greateſt Degree imaginable.

Hereunder

Hereunder, is a Liſt of Comodities, proper for a Trade to the SOUTH-SEA.

ALL Sorts of Woollen Goods are very valluable in thoſe Countries.

Cloth courſe and fine, ſells in the moſt Southerly Parts of *Perou*, towards *Chili*, and in the Northen Part of *Mexico*.

Colcheſter Bays is univerſally worn all over the Country, white and dy'd, and ſome of thoſe Goods are dyed of the richeſt Scarlets.

Flannels.

Cottons

Serges, commonly call'd Perpetuanoes, made in *Devonſhire* ane ſold at *Exeter*, and ſome made at *Colcheſter*, and dy'd into all Kind of Colours, and ſome of rich Scarlets.

Mix'd Serges made in *Somerſet*, and ſold at *Taunton*.

Shalloons.

Says.

Drug-

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Druggets made in ſeveral County's.

Worſted Stuffs of all Kinds, made at *Norwich* and other Places.

Stuffs mix'd with Silk.

Worſted Crapes.

Silk Crapes.

Silks of all Kinds.

Velvets.

Silk Handkerchiefs.

Worſted Hoſe.

Silk Hoſe for Men and Women.

Thread Hoſe for Men and Women.

Hats, Beavers and Carolins.

Flanders and Engliſh Lace.

Silver and Gold Lace.

Siſters Thread.

Sowing Silk of all Colours.

Linnens of all Kinds from the courſeſt to the fineſt.

The Vermillions and Cotton Goods of *Lancaſhire*.

Callicuts and the Goods of *India*.

All Sorts of Iron Ware, neceſſary in buildings, and in Country Affairs.

All Sorts of Houſehold Goods that are made of Iron.

Stilliards.

Scales and Weights for Gold and Silver

Shares for cutting Gold and Silver.

Tools

Tools of all Kinds for Carpenters.
Joyners.
Smiths. *&c,*

Arms
Clocks.
Watches.
And many Curioſities of Iron and Steel.
Glaſs Ware of all Sorts.
Round Coral for Necklaces and Beads.
Paper.
Sealing-Wax.
White Wax for Tapers.
Caſtle Soap.
Pepper.
Cinnamon.
Cloves.
Mace.
Nutmegs.
Cheſhire Cheeſe.
Pickles and Sawces.
Oil.

FINIS.